Planning Inspectorate

Rugby Borough Local Plan Examination

Examination Hearings

Matter 1: Legal Compliance

Tuesday 17 November 2026 (am)

AGENDA

ISSUE:

Whether the Council has complied with the relevant procedural and legal requirements.

ITEMS:

1. Plan preparation

- Accordance with an up to date adopted LDS (Matter 1, Question 1 of the Matters Issues and Questions document).
- Accordance with statutory requirements for notification, publication and submission of Plan (Question 2).
- Compliance with statutory requirements for consultation and adopted SCI (Questions 2 & 3).
- Contribution of stakeholder engagement and representations to the plan-making process (Question 4).

2. Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)

- The legal compliance and robustness of the submitted HRA (Questions 13, 14, 16 & 17).
- The contribution of the HRA to plan preparation (Question 15).

3. Climate Change

- Compliance with duty in S19(1A) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) (Question 18).

4. Equalities

- Compliance with section 149 of the Equality Act (2010) (Question 20).

5. Sustainability Appraisal

- Robustness and legal compliance of the Sustainability Appraisal methodology and supporting baseline evidence base (Questions 5 & 6).
- Justification for the Sustainability Appraisal Framework objectives (Question 7).
- Robustness of the approach to identifying, assessing and rejecting reasonable alternatives (Questions 8 & 11).
- Robustness and consistency of the assessment of the Plan's likely social, economic and environmental effects (Question 9).
- Robustness and consistency of the scoring, comparison of alternatives and Sustainability Appraisal conclusions (Question 10).
- Implications of RBC2 for the robustness and conclusions of the Sustainability Appraisal (Question 12).

6. Any other matters

7. Confirmation of any actions arising from session